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In re Application of :
Ward Mullins :
Application No. 09/987,489 :
Filed: November 15, 2001 :
Attorney Docket Number: :
0036-022A : ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR § 137(b), filed November 16, 2005.

The Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, and Notice of Allowability, mailed April 19, 2005, and Supplemental Notice of Allowability, mailed July 18, 2005. The Notices set a non-extendable three (3) month period for reply. No response having been received, the application became abandoned on October 19, 2005. The mailing of this Decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

With the instant petition, Applicant has satisfied the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). The issue fee was paid on October 28, 2005. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being referred to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.


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